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Applicants: Yi Li; Colum O'Donnell; Hui Duan;
Yanhong Wu; and Richard McAvoy

Application No.: 09/916,780

Group No.: 1638

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Examiner: Helmer, Georgia L.

For: METHODS FOR CONTROLLED AUTOMATIC EXCISION OF
HETEROLOGOUS DNA FROM TRANSGENIC PLANTS AND
DNA-EXCISING GENE CASSETTES FOR USE THEREIN

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir,

This paper is filed subsequent to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2004 and further to an Advisory Action mailed April 1, 2005.

A request for a two-month extension of time is requested. This will bring the due date to May 29, 2005 which is within the 6-month statutory period for response.

The Commisisoner is authorized to deduct the appropriate fee from Edwards & Angell Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this document.